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ONE CENT

MINES GETTING BACK TO WORK AFTER CUSTOMARY CHRISTMAS

Little Shipping Reported
However Since Holiday
Along the Valley

RIVER WILL BE KEPT OPEN

Government to Use Pool Boats During
Hard Weather of Winter—Good
Stage of Water Now Exists—De-
mand For Coal Heavy

Mines are getting back to work after the customary observance of the Christmas vacation, and coal shipping is gradually being resumed. So far today there has been little in the way of shipping, but there is some loading going on at the up-river operations.

A day or two before Christmas towboats made a grand rush for down river landings to lay over for Christmas. The result of it was that there were few lockages up stream through the river locks. On Christmas day nearly all the tows had gone down stream. Just six went down and none up stream. The ordinary traffic is from 10 to 20 towboats each way per day.

There is a big demand for coal, both by river and rail, and operators report some difficulty in supplying the trade. A good stage of water now exists and there is a good outlook ahead. The government proposed to use every effort in keeping the river free from ice during the hard weather of winter by the use of pool boats. This is being done in the interests of business in order to keep things moving.

REV. MAHER SENT TO THE MIDLAND PARISH

Roscoe Pastor Promoted by Official
Appointment of Bishop Canavin of
Pittsburg Diocese—Takes up New
Work in January.

Rev. Patrick Maher of Roscoe, pastor of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church at Roscoe and St. Eusebius church at Fayette City, has been promoted to the pastorate of the Presentation church in Midland, the official appointment having just been made by Rt. Rev. Regis Canavin, bishop of the Pittsburg diocese.

The Midland parish is one of approximately 200 families, representing considerable of an advancement. Rev. Maher will take up his work there January 4.

\$1,000,000,000 THE NET INCOME FROM RAILROADS

More than \$1,000,000,000 net income from operations was made by the railroads of the country during the year now closing. The huge total is the peak of prosperity in railroad operations and stands more than one-third higher than the total of 1913 hitherto the banner year, according to statistics gathered by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

See Theda Bara in "Romeo and Juliet" Friday. Prices, children 10c, adults 15c. Coyle theatre. 162-13.

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DRIVER WHO SHOT COP IS RELEASED ON BAIL

George Washington of Monessen Will Face Trial in February for Severely Injuring Austin Mularkey, Who Now is in Hospital

George Washington, the colored truck driver, who shot and wounded Austin Mularkey, a policeman at the Pittsburgh Steel company after a quarrel more than two weeks ago, has been released from the Westmoreland county jail on bail of \$2,500 furnished by Charles Hopkins, John Arnold and Julius Smith, all of Monessen.

The trial of Washington will come up in February. Mularkey is still in the Memorial hospital at Monongahela, but is recovering from the wounds he received, and probably will be able to appear at the trial. The shooting caused a sensation in Monessen. Washington, a widely known and respected colored man, in driving his truck into the shed of the plant the night of December 7 by accident struck a time box. Mularkey it is said jumped into the truck and a scuffle ensued. Bad names the policeman is alleged to have called Washington so angered the latter that he procured a revolver and returning shot the policeman. Washington claims self defense, alleging that Mularkey reached for a gun first.

COKE SHORTAGE BLAMED ON SHORTAGE OF CARS

That and Scarcity of Labor Responsible in Connellsville Region for Supply Trouble—Many Tons Ready to be Moved.

Scarcity of labor and shortage of freight cars are blamed for the steady decrease in the shipments of coke from the Connellsville region during the last two months. A. O. Stickle, an independent coke operator, said Tuesday that if the present conditions continue the shipments of coke will be cut off entirely. Other coke operators say that less than 10 per cent of the average coke shipments was made last week.

Eight thousand three hundred and fifty-five carloads of coke were shipped from the Connellsville region last week, as against 9,706 carloads the preceding week, a decrease of 1,351 carloads. The coke was sent to various parts of Pennsylvania and Ohio. Operators said that last Friday and Saturday the railroads furnished them with 9 per cent of their orders for freight cars.

Freight cars available in the coke region, according to the operators, are being used for coal shipments. Thousands of tons of coke are awaiting shipment, and unless the supply on hand is shipped within a short time, coke ovens will have to be closed down. In the meantime several manufacturing plants in the East are reported to be shutting down because of inability to get coke.

THEDA BARA TO APPEAR IN ROMEO AND JULIET

The famed Theda Bara is billed for presentation at the Coyle theatre Friday of this week in her great Romeo and Juliet characterization. As Juliet in this great Shakespearean drama she is at her best, though she frankly admits that the role is the hardest of the many that she ever attempted. The presentation will be in seven parts, taking 70 minutes. The action takes place in 68 different places. Today's Burton Holmes travelogue film at the Coyle is that of the West Point Cadets.

THEDA BARA IN SHAKESPEARE'S MASTERPIECE,
"ROMEO AND JULIET"
FRIDAY, COYLE THEATRE CHILDREN 10c, ADULTS 15c

Office Supplies
Start the New Year right with new office equipment. Complete line of loose leaf ledgers, journals and cost books.
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YOUNG GIRLS OF FAYETTE COUNTY SUFFER FROM VICIOUS ASSAULTS

Noise Bigger Than Blaze When
Belle Vernon Store Takes Fire

Siren Alarms Startle Community But
Fire is Confined to One Small
Store Room.

Siren alarms that sounded as though the town was doomed were blown at Belle Vernon Tuesday evening about 7 o'clock when the All-shouse confectionery and butter store took fire. The blaze burned a part of the rear of the store and consumed some stock before the Belle Vernon fire department managed to extinguish it. The damage would net several hundred dollars.

WOODS' RUN MAN KILLED BY TRAIN

W. A. Epley Meets Death
Supposedly From Evening
Fairmont Express

HIS BODY FOUND ON TRACKS

W. A. Epley, a resident of Woods Run hollow, was struck by a train a short distance above the Woods Run stop, Sunday night about 7 o'clock. He was coming down the track towards the station. No one was near when the accident happened. He was struck by the evening express from Fairmont due at Charleroi at 7:01 or by an engine that passed. He was found about 8 o'clock.

The deceased was born at Fairchance July 14, 1856. About 35 years ago he was married at Elco to a daughter of A. W. Conway. After living there a few years he removed to Fairchance, returning to Elco about nine years ago. He is survived by a brother, George Epley, of Smithfield, and one sister, Mrs. Ella Humphreys, of Fairchance; by two sons, Albert, who is married and resides at Lynn, Pa., and William, who is at home; by one daughter, Mrs. Albert Gregg, of Elco; also by two grandchildren, Baron James and Robert Irwin Gregg.

The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon from the home of Mrs. Albert Gregg in Elco. Rev. H. H. Ryland conducted a short service. The interment was at Howe's cemetery.

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Notice
"Serv-Us" Pure Food Products can be secured from the following merchants:

Woodward & Parks, Lock No. 4.
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P. Pardini
Paul Ternavsky.
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Watch this list grow. 130-14

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leroi, Pa., as Second Class Matter.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDS.

It is not necessary for the borough
to go to extremes and it is not nec-
essary that brightly burnished and
costly fire engines be secured such as
the city of New York would demand
for fire protection. But the borough
ought to do something to help the
Charleroi fire department with proper
pumping equipment for the motor fire
truck.

By virtue of the persistence of its
members and helpfulness of citizens,
the fire department owns as fine a
motor fire truck as you could find any-
where. Yet pumping equipment
sadly needed on these hills is lacking.

With it at least two of the three
houses burned at Lock No. 4 Monday
night could have been saved.

In most parts of the two boroughs
of Charleroi and North Charleroi there
is sufficient water pressure to meet all
ordinary needs. However in the hill-
sections the best pressure would hard-
ly carry the water to the end of a
ten foot hose from the best fire plug
made. That kind of pressure is worse
than useless in case of a bad fire.

Three thousand dollars would buy
two pumps made especially for the
Charleroi motor truck, providing a
pumping system sufficient to meet the
needs of the department. They oper-
ate by a suction system and are
strong enough to draw water at a
high pressure from a hose plug where
ordinarily there is no flow or from a
creek bed. Bentleyville, with no
water supply system at all could
fight a fire as effectively as could
Charleroi by the use of hose and the
pumps to draw water from a creek.

Such pumps are what Charleroi
borough needs and must have if there
is to be fire protection on the hill. It
is up to the borough council to pro-
vide the equipment.

A WAR WITH CRIME.

While this country may remain at
peace with the world, so far as
diplomacy may secure it, we still have
a war on our hands. The conflict that
seems to grow in intensity is between
the forces of law and order and those
of vice and crime in our midst. This
conflict was never more pronounced
than now. The lawless element is
bold and apparently well organized
and what with murders, burglaries,
robberies and thefts of high and low
degree the authorities are kept busy
in holding their own in the war for
the protection of the community. If
the nests of crime are raided and
broken up at one point they immedi-
ately form in another and the fight
has to be renewed from day to day.

In one raid on four questionable ho-
tels in Chicago Sunday one hundred
men and women were arrested. This
was only a part of the record of the
city. If all the law-breakers of Chi-
cago—those who break the moral
code by preying upon the people and
by the various forms of vice—were
rounded up and made to march in
line beyond the city limits it would
constitute a startling array. No such
separation of the criminal from the
decent element has been accomplished
despite the promise of the head of
the government of that city to do it.

Nor is it liable to be accomplished
anywhere else. The evil forces are
still with us and need constant watch-
ing. With a hard winter coming and
the worthy poor calling for help and
the criminals determined to live upon
the fruits of the honest there is a
serious situation imposed upon the
community. The people must appeal
to the law for protection and demand
its enforcement against the internal
enemy. It is a great task to keep
all the American people within the
limits of honest, lawful and decent
behavior. —The Pantograph.

PEACE A BLESSING.

Charles M. Schwab is one who does
not "fea" the effect of peace on Am-
erican business. "I look on conclusive
peace as a blessing," he is quoted as
saying at a dinner table full of dis-
tinguished publicists at the Lotus
club New York, a night or two ago.
This was incidental to an offer to
turn over the great Bethlehem plant,
now 50 per cent. greater in produc-
tion than the Krupp works at Essen,

GINGLES' JINGLES

THE COUNTY FAIR.

The colors may not be becoming—
they clash on all things that they
touch, but they will get by, as they
joyfully lie to that wonderful old
country fair; the hope, the elation, the
grandeur, the swift moving pictures
of joy, the time of the year every
year holds dear—lot a chance for
the things that annoy. The cattle,
the horses and showmen, the sheep
with the beautiful fleece, the pump-
kins and corn, from their moorings
are borne, and displayed with the
ducks and the geese. This a classy
collection of beauties, a jumble of od-
dities rare, and long on the pep each
one watching his step, as he takes in
the old country fair. The races, the
shell games, the side shows, the
geezers who raises your hair, produc-
ing some thrills—as he carelessly
spills from the big gas balloon in the
air. To us those were days of real
pleasure, their cheerfulness clings to
us yet, the old country fair sure re-
lieved us of care—that enjoyment we
never shall forget.

to the United States government in-
case it is needed, and without any
strings attached. He said the concern
now has a capacity to turn out a mil-
lion rounds of heavy ammunition a
month.

Schwab has been buying new plants
and new ore fields. He is planning for
greater expansion and greater busi-
ness than the country has yet wit-
nessed. He is no dreamer but one of
the most successful steel men in the
nation. He is confident that he can
sell steel even if there should be
peace; and he is right.

Enormous war orders have come to
his plants. But they are relatively a
small proportion of the total business
on the books. It is stipulated that in
case shell steel is not taken soft steel
will be. Our steel mills must recon-
struct Europe after the war. There
is much they will have to do at home
too.

The railroads are short of equip-
ment and rails. They have let the
slack times pass without ordering for
replacements or extensions. These
must be provided. A lowering in the
price of steel would be to stimulate
the output of building steel. Peace
will bring stability and the greatest
industrial expansion that the country
has ever seen. Under it plans could
be made with the certainty that they
would not be upset by some unforeseen
and sudden change.

Other concerns will still be busy.
The explosive factories would turn
their attention to making dyes. Some
of the small arms factories are plan-
ning to go into the automobile busi-
ness. There's too much idle money
in the country to let the wheels re-
main still. And whatever economic
measures may be necessary to pro-
tect and foster them must be enacted
when the need becomes more ap-
parent as it will do.—Uniontown Herald.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

A big idea isn't a valuable idea un-
less it is sane.

Now do your Christmas shopping
early like you said you would.

It is all right for a man to have a
vision providing he gets to work
afterward.

They can't tell which is the harder,
to catch the Roman army, or to
find it.

Talk about a shrinking violet—
it isn't it with stock when peace talk
gets a-going.

A champion Australian prize fight-
er is willing to enlist when there is
a 90 per cent chance of him being
shot, but insists upon being allowed
to accumulate a little pitance for
his parents, sisters, cousins and so
forth first. He is patriotically wise,
since there is a big chance of peace
being declared before he gets that
pittance accumulated.

*** PICKED UP IN PASSING ***

Otis Skinner says that Joseph Jef-
ferson once told him that during his
long stage career he had never been
associated with anyone who showed
true familiarity with him save one
individual, a man named Bagley, who
was property man in the comedian's
company.

Finally the familiarity of the prop-
erty man increased beyond the limit
of endurance, and he was summarily
discharged—just before the opening
of Jefferson's engagement in Balti-
more one year.

That night Bagley got exceedingly
tipsy. Paying his way into the the-
ater, he repaired to the gallery to see

his old employer enact "Rip Van
Winkle." The action had reached the
point where the angry Gretchen has
just driven poor, destitute Rip from
the cottage, and Rip turns and, with
a word of pathetic appeal: "Then I have
no interest in the house?"

"The theatre was deathly still, the
audience half in tears, when Bagley's
earnest voice rose in response:
"Only eighty per cent, Joe old boy,
only eighty per cent!"—Everybody's
Magazine.

Williamson was near the exploding
bomb, when his neighbor met him in
the street.

"That man Potter," he burst out,
"has more cheek than anybody I ever
met."

"Why, what has he done?" asked
the neighbor.

"He came over to my house last
night and borrowed a gun to kill a
dog that kept him awake at nights."

"Well, what of that?"

"What of that?" shouted William-
son. "It was my dog."

A Denver lawyer tells of a man ar-
rested in that town on a serious
charge to whom was assigned a bad
lawyer. The crude appearance of the
man detained to defend him distract-
ed the prisoner.

"Is this my lawyer?" he asked.

"Yes," replied the Judge.

"And he is going to defend me?"

"Yes."

"If he should die, could I have
another lawyer?"

"Yes."

"Then, your honor, I request the
privilege of seeing him in the back
room for a few minutes."

A tight-fisted old man, being mor-
tally ill, called to him his three best
friends, who were an Englishman, an
Irishman and a Scotchman. He re-
minded them that they each owed him
\$100 and expressed the dying wish
that before he was buried they would
discharge their obligations by deposi-
ting the money they owed him be-
side him in his coffin.

They all agreed, and when their
friend died the Englishman solemnly
placed \$100 in Bank of England notes
in his late friend's coffin. The Irish-
man laid \$100 in gold besides the
notes, and the Scotchman took out the
\$200 pounds, leaving in its place a
check for \$300.

A young writer who has been rather
unfortunate in the matter of sales
recently confided to a friend that he
had at last written something that he
was sure would be accepted by the
very first magazine to which it was
sent.

"You don't say!" exclaimed the
friend, interested, "and what is it?"

"A check for a year's subscription."

NORTH CHARLEROI

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Phillips, Mrs.
William Foulks and daughter, Ruth,
and Misses Helen and Grace Phillips
spent Christmas day at the home of
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Phillips at New
Salem.

Miss Celina Hagerty visited rela-
tives at Waltersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gaskill and
children attended church in Fayette
City Sunday.

Miss Sara Vangelder of Pittsburg
spent Sunday and Monday here.

Mrs. Cora Mock of Shelby, Ohio, is
spending the holidays with her
daughter, Mrs. Elmer Houston.

Mrs. Freeman Hagerty spent
Christmas with relatives at Walters-
burg.

Mr. and Mrs. John Myers, Mr. and
Mrs. Hiram Myers and Mr. and Mrs.
G. L. Crosbie and son of Belle Vernon,
were Christmas guests of Dr. and
Mrs. O. J. Kregor of Monessen.

It's never idle a minute, busy as a
nailer, gets right to the bowels; works
while you're asleep or awake. Hol-
ister's Rocky Mountain Tea for
stopped-up bowels, constiveness, con-
stipation, sick headaches, bad breath,
poor appetite. Try it, without fail.
25c. Henning's Drug Store. Adv

See Theda Bara in "Romeo and
Juliet" Friday. Prices, children 10c,
adults 15c. Coyle theatre. 162-13.

FOR SALE

6 room house, McKean Ave. \$3600
10 room, double house, 6th St. \$2600
10 room house, Crest Ave. \$3600
8 room house, McKean Ave. \$2100
4 room house, Oakland Ave. \$1900
7 rooms and bath Washington
Ave. \$2500

I. P. HEPLER,
411 Fallowfield Ave.,
Charleroi, Pa.

COUNTY NEWS IN BRIEF

Dr. John F. Hill Dies.

The Rev. John F. Hill, D. D., from
1884 to 1907 pastor of the Chartiers
(Hill) Presbyterian church, died Sat-
urday at Markleton, where he had
gone to regain his health. He was
aged 81. At the time of his death he
was corresponding secretary of the
Presbyterian church's board of tem-
perance with offices in Pittsburgh. He
was one of the distinguished gradu-
ates of Washington and Jefferson col-
lege, from which he was graduated
in the class of 1833, Jefferson.

Boy Killed By Car.

Injuries received by Ray Calvin
Crowe, aged 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.
C. Crowe, of 709 Jefferson avenue,
Washington, when struck by a street
car shortly after noon Saturday, re-
sulted in his death.

Well Known Physician Dies.

Following a general decline due to
his advanced age, Dr. James Bing-
ham, one of the old time physicians
of Allegheny county, died at the home
of his son-in-law, J. D. Bigger, 408
East Beau street, Washington Mon-
day morning at 11:30 o'clock. He was
aged 84 years, having been born in
Emmitsburg, Md., January 27, 1833.

Wool High Priced.

Offers have been made of 48 cents
a pound for wool in Donegal township.
One grower states that an offer at 50
cents will take his wool, and he has
several hundred fleeces. It is said
there are several lots left in the town-
ship.

Crushed to Death.

Crushed between a car and the ribs
of the mine, John Depazio, aged 28
years, received injuries in an acci-
dent at the Enterprise mine Saturday
afternoon, which resulted in his death
a short time later. His home was in
Washington. His wife and five
children survive.

Mules for England.

Twenty-two car loads of mules, 462
in number, passed through Washing-
ton, going east over the local division
of the B. & O. railroad on Thursday
night. The mules were purchased in
Kentucky and are being taken to Eng-
land for use in the war.

Isaiah Thomas Dies.

Isaiah E. Thomas, aged 71 years, for
many years a farmer in Chartiers
township, died Monday at 8 o'clock at
his home, Washington, following a
lingering illness, marked by a general
decline due to a complication of dis-
eases. Mr. Thomas spent the greater
part of his life in Chartiers township,
residing near Gretna, one the Burgers,
town road.

Sale Well Attended.

The sale of W. F. King was well at-
tended at Prosperity and all property
brought good prices. One pair of
mules brought \$377.50 and young cat-
tle brought from \$28 to \$47 a head.
Pigs brought from \$7 to \$15 a pair,
hay per ton \$10, corn \$1 a bushel,
oats 65 cents a bushel, potatoes \$1.65
a bushel. The household and kitchen
furniture brought good prices. Col.
J. C. Breese of Prosperity was the
auctioneer.

Euchre.

Thursday evening, November 28th
in St. Jerome's Lyceum at 8 o'clock
Benefit of St. Rita's home for in-
fants. Nice favors. Admission 25c.
163-12.

TRY A CLASSIFIED WANT AD.

LITTLE INSIDE STORY BY PROMINENT DRUGGIST

Druggists usually keep their busi-
ness to themselves. This is one time,
however, when a little talk is nec-
essary as it may be of interest and
value to our customers.

We recently put in a stock of a
new Malted Food Product called
HEMO. The results from the sale
of this product are most gratifying,
as we are told every day of the
merits of this food by customers
who have tried it.

We want to recommend this food
to all as the best to be had for all
cases of stomach and digestive dis-
orders, also for anaemics, con-
valescents and invalids. It is of
wonderful value in restoring the
health of those generally debilitated
or run down from any cause.
Come in today as we want to have
a personal talk with you on HEMO
and also to show you that we have
the best stocked and most modern
drug store you have ever seen. We
will appreciate a call.
Piper's Pharmacy, Charleroi, Pa.

OLD BOSTON LIGHT

The First Mariners' Beacon to Be Kindled In America.

TWICE BURNED AND REBUILT.

Then It Was Destroyed by the British
Revolutionary Naval Forces and
Again Rebuilt Through the Efforts of
Governor John Hancock.

The first lighthouse of which there
is any record was built by Ptolemy II
on the island of Pharos, at the en-
trance to the harbor of Alexandria,
Egypt.

Probably the most famous lighthouse
of modern times is the Eddystone
light, which was one of the first built
in Britain and which has been famous
because of its dangerous situation and
of its having been four times destruc-
ed by the angry waters of the English
channel.

Minot's ledge light, at the entrance
to Boston harbor, is among the most
noteworthy of American lighthouses
and shares with Old Boston light the
interest of every voyager who enters
the tortuous channel to the city of
Boston.

Boston light is famous in its way.
It was the first lighthouse built in
America. It is one of the most impor-
tant lighthouse stations on the north
Atlantic coast. Every seaman and
seagoer knows Boston light. Every
school boy and girl has read the man-
ly tales of shipwreck in which Boston
light figures. It was captured and re-
captured several times in the early
days of the Revolution.

On the evening of Friday, Sept. 14,
1710, the light was first "kindled," to
use the expression of the chronicler
of the day.

For some years the shipowners and
merchants of Boston agitated the pro-
ject of establishing a lighthouse at the
entrance to the harbor. The general
court took the matter up on petition
of John George and others. The town
officials of Boston also considered the
proposition and urged the colonial au-
thorities to make an appropriation to
erect a suitable light. At last fa-
vorable action was taken by the au-
thorities, and the building of the light
on the outer Brewster began.

When the light was ready to put into
commission George Worthyake was
appointed keeper. He and his wife
and daughter were drowned two years
later.

Benjamin Franklin wrote a ballad
on the drowning of the family. The
salary of the first keepers of the light
was \$250 a year.

On the death of Worthyake Captain
John Hayes, a shipmaster, was ap-
pointed.

The early lightkeeper had many oth-
er duties to perform besides looking
after the light. He had to act as pilot
for vessels and discharge the duties of
health officer of the port. In the case
of a vessel being in distress it was
his duty to go to its rescue.

In 1720 the lighthouse was burned
and rebuilt. Again in 1751 the light-
house and other buildings were burned
and were again rebuilt.

Robert Ball, the keeper who succeed-
ed Captain Hayes, remained until the
British fleet sailed from Boston to Hal-
ifax during the Revolutionary war. Ac-
cording to the stories at that time, Ball
sailed away with the fleet and never
returned.

The British wantonly destroyed the
harbor property, including the light,
before they sailed away when they
evacuated Boston. Thus it is that
the island on which Boston light stands
is the last soil in Massachusetts occu-
pied by British armed forces.

The destruction of the light was a
great loss to mariners and the mer-
chants, and shipping interests induced
Governor John Hancock to send a spe-
cial message to the Massachusetts leg-
islature recommending an appropria-
tion for the rebuilding of the light.
With commendable promptitude the
legislature complied with the request
of Governor Hancock, and plans were
made for one of the finest and largest
lights on the coast. This was in 1780.

The new structure was of stone. Oil
lamps furnished the light. Then the
government took over the lighthouses
and assigned their care and mainte-
nance to the treasury department, un-
der whose jurisdiction they still re-
main. The island and the light were
formally ceded to the United States
government in 1790.

The treasury department has always
given Boston light a great deal of at-
tention because of its importance and
because it is the most widely known
landmark to the entrance to the sec-
ond port in America.

It has been improved and enlarged
from time to time, and the accommo-
dations for the keepers and their fam-
ilies are all that could be desired. De-
spite its age the light stays in, for
all practical purposes, essentially mod-
ern and up to date. It displays an
incandescent oil vapor light, giving a
white flash of 100,000 candle power ev-
ery thirty seconds, visible sixteen miles
in clear weather, and as an auxiliary
and in foggy weather sounds a power-
ful first class siren, with a double blast
of five seconds each every minute.—
Boston Globe.

Some Exception.

"It must be hard to see people
scramble for a meal."
"Yes, unless it's eggs."—Baltimore
American.

Accept nothing that is unreasonable;
discard nothing as unreasonable with-
out proper examination.—Buddha.

SIMPLIFIED SPELLING.

The One Thing Needed to Make Eng-
lish the World Language.

Having been for years a teacher of
English to foreigners and to high
school pupils as well as a student of
modern languages, the subject of an
international language interests me
greatly.

Certainty of the four important mod-
ern tongues English is the easiest and
simplest in grammar, having no awful
gender rules as German and no dread-
ful verb forms as French and Italian.
It has to be said depths and subtleties
as the last two mentioned nor any
impossible pronunciation as the first.
Yet, in spite of its simplicity, it is a
very hard language for foreigners to
master. This is due, I feel, solely to
its antiquated method (or lack of meth-
od) of spelling. The difficulties arising
from the difference between the spell-
ing of English words and their pro-
nunciation are almost insurmountable,
fatal to its universal diffusion. How
many native English speaking people
do we know, educated, nay, intellec-
tual, who simply cannot spell, who
have given up trying?

All over the continent one hears re-
iterated with boring monotony: "I like
to read the English, but not to speak
it. It is too difficult to pronounce. I
can never tell how a new word should
be said." In French and German cer-
tain letter combinations invariably rep-
resent certain sounds, while Italian is
absolutely phonetic. In Italian schools
there is no such thing as a spelling
lesson. Think what a saving of time,
temper and grey (or is it gray) matter
this is to the growing child!

It is all very well to insist upon the
classic origin of our orthography, but
compare it for one moment with the
near and aristocratic parent of the Ital-
ian. Yet Italian does not hesitate to
discard all artificiality.

I feel sure that only one thing will
make English, which stands today as
the easiest and most concise of lan-
guages—only one thing will make it the
universal language, and that is sim-
plified spelling.—J. H. Harris in New
York Times.

BRAVERY OF A TOREADOR.

Remarkable Display of Nerve by a
Spanish Bull Fighter.

The famous Spanish toreador Re-
verte figured in one of the most thrill-
ing incidents ever witnessed in the
bull fighting arena.

It was at Bayonne. After disposing
of two bulls Reverte had twice plucked
his sword into a third of great strength
and ferocity, and as the beast contin-
ued careering wildly the spectators be-
gan to hiss Reverte for bungling.

Wounded to the very quick of his
pride, the Spaniard shouted, "The bull
is slain!" and, throwing aside his
sword, sank on one knee with folded
arms in the middle of the ring.

He was right, but he had not al-
lowed for the margin of accident. The
wounded beast charged full upon him,
but the matador, splendid to the last,
kneel motionless as a statue, while the
spectators held their breath in horri-
fied suspense.

Reaching his victim, the bull liter-
ally bounded at him, and as he sprang
he sank in death, with his last effort
giving one fearful lunge of the head
that drove a horn into the thigh of the
kneeling man and laid bare the bone
from the knee to the joint.

Still Reverte never flinched, but re-
mained kneeling, exultant in victory,
but calmly contemptuous of applause,
till he was carried away to heal him
of his grievous wound.

Indian "Moons."

Time is calculated among the Red
Indians by moons instead of months.
January is called the "hard moon,"
February "the raccoon moon," March
"sore eye moon," April "the moon in
which geese lay eggs," May "the plant-
ing moon," June "the moon when the
strawberries are red," July "the moon
when choke cherries are ripe," August
"the harvest moon," September "the
moon when rice is laid up to dry," Oc-
tober "the rice drying moon," Novem-
ber "the deer killing moon" and De-
cember "the deer moon."—Philadelphia
Inquirer.

Denmark's Sovereigns.

Denmark has had a most curious ar-
ray of sovereigns, the Blue Tooth,
Forked Beard, Simple, Hungry, Bare-
foot, Lamb, Pious and Cruel being
among them.

This latter, who was Christian II.,
belied his real name by gaining the
additional title of the Nero of the
North. There was probably little hap-
piness in Denmark when he sat upon
the throne.—London Mail.

A Money Saver.

"You are foolish to buy your furni-
ture on the installment plan. You
have to pay nearly twice as much as
you otherwise would."

"Yes, but look at all the money I
save on moving expenses."—St. Louis
Post-Dispatch.

Character Analysis.

"Bliggins goes around asking so
much advice that he never accomplish-
es anything."

"Yes," replied the man whose mind
lingers in the past, "not enough initia-
tive and too much referendum."—
Washington Star.

A Toast.

To our mothers: May their eyes never
be opened and their hearts never
closed to our weaknesses.—Life.

The Markman's Eye.

Blue eyes prevail among marksmen
of renown. The blue is said to be the
strongest eye and gray next.

AFTER XMAS REDUCTIONS Childrens Toys at 1-2 & 1-3 Off

After Christmas comes the clean-up in all departments. Stocks are re-arranged and all odd lots are reduced in price, owing to the great scarcity of merchandise it will pay you to pick up our special offerings.

In our basement you will find the toys re-arranged on tables and we are going to sell most of them at 1-2 to 1-3 off regular price.

1/2 off

Childrens Hobby Horses: \$2.50 horses \$1.50, \$3.98 Horses \$2.50
\$6.00 horses \$3.75 and \$7.00 horses \$4.50

1/3 off

And many other articles are to be sold at greatly reduced prices

J.W. Berryman & Son

Children's Books	1/2 OFF
Children's Rockers	1/2 OFF
Iron Toys	1/2 OFF
Children's Black Boards	1/2 OFF
Moving Picture Machines	1/2 OFF
Friction Toys	1/2 OFF
Steam Engines	1/2 OFF
Anchor Blocks	1/2 OFF
Some Soiled Dolls	1/2 OFF
Doll Sweaters	1/2 OFF
Doll Stockings & Leggings	1/2 OFF
Picture Blocks	1/2 OFF
Children's Games	1/2 OFF
Unakem Sets	1/2 OFF
Silver Mesh Bags	1/2 OFF
Beaded Bags	1/2 OFF
Christmas Cards	1/2 OFF
Thermos Bottles	1/2 OFF
1 lot Toilet Sets	1/2 OFF

Manual Trainer Tool Chests	1-3 OFF
Children's Trunks	1-3 OFF
Children's Pianos	1-3 OFF
Teddy Bears	1-3 OFF
Punching Bags	1-3 OFF
Boxing Gloves	1-3 OFF
Men's Toilet Sets	1-3 OFF
Military Sets	1-3 OFF
Belt Fob, & Bill Fold Sets	1-3 OFF
Suspender Sets	1-3 OFF

TUMBLES BACKWARD INTO TUB OF SCALDING WATER AND DIES

Pulling a new Christmas toy backward over the floor at the home of her parents at McDonald, Rachel Tournay, two-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tournay, Monday afternoon fell into a tub of scalding hot water and at noon Tuesday died as the result of burns she sustained.

Resolution of Thanks

In behalf of the patients and attendants at the Charleoi-Monessen hospital I wish to gratefully acknowledge the efforts of all who helped to make the Christmas occasion a bright one. Deserving of special mention are the Hotel Men's Association, the different ladies of Charleoi and North Charleoi, and members of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church who gave gifts.

Signed, Superintendent. t1-p.

Newspapers Raise Prices.

Two Connellsville evening newspapers, the News and the Courier have announced that after January 1 the price of the papers will be raised from 1 to 2 cents. The high cost of news print is given as the reason of the increase.

Concealed Weapons Charge.

Joe Morish was held under \$300 bail for carrying concealed weapons by Justice of the Peace Paul R. Nutt Christmas night. He was taken from a street car as being drunk and disorderly and the gun was found then on his person.

Mrs. Criss Dies.

The death of Mrs. Eliza Jane Criss, widow of Rittenhouse Criss, occurred at her home at Eldersville, Monday morning following a general decline in health. She was aged 81 years.

See Theda Bara in "Romeo and Juliet" Friday. Prices, children 10c, adults 15c. Coyle theatre. 162-43.

All goods must be sold regardless of cost. Store room must be vacated by February 1. Laird's, 519 McKean Ave. 162-t2

MYSTERY OF THE PLANETS.

Science Cannot Penetrate the Hazy Veils That Mask Them.

It is not known definitely whether the planet Venus rotates. If it does it may possibly have a life and a vegetation like our own, though we suspect that it is clothed in eternal cloud. Of Saturn's rings we cannot say whether they consist of millions of tiny moons like bricks or whether they may be even smaller still—a veil of shining dust.

Of Jupiter we can only say that it is covered with clouds, though of their substance we know nothing, and that according to Professor Lowell and Sir William Huggins some of the bands we see on it may be rifts in the clouds revealing the body of the planet. Little lines crisscross these bands. Photographs of Jupiter taken at Flagstaff observatory, Arizona, seem to indicate that these lines, too, are the upper clouds of Jupiter.

But whenever we see a planet we see it badly. Even Mars, the most clearly revealed of them all, is constantly obscured by a refracting haze, so that even the famous "canals," though nearly 500 in number, are only perceptible a few at a time, and an unskilled observer would probably not make them out at all.

Sandstorms, sometimes snowstorms, sweep the surface of the planet, and because the winds of Mars are very gentle and slow moving these occurrences take a long time to pass by. A snowstorm on Mars—if indeed it was a snowstorm and not merely a fog—once lasted three weeks.

How Flying Fish Fly.

The popular notion that flying fish beat their "wings" is a mistake. It appears that the wings are not true organs of flight, but rather play the part of a parachute or an aeroplane. The whole motive power is supplied by the tail, which acts as a propeller, and the vibration or quivering of the wings in the air currents and their occasional shift of inclination are not phenomena connected with the propulsion of the fish in its aerial flight.

Men Are So Uncertain.

"Why did you hit that man who wanted to marry you?" "Because," replied the prima donna. "I couldn't decide whether he was actually in love with me or merely wanted to hear me sing for nothing."—Exchange.

Keeping Up the Supply.

First Man (with magazine)—What a tremendous number of stories Penley Penman writes! Second Man—Doesn't he? They say he uses an incubator to hatch his plots.—Stray Stories

Virtue alone outbuilds the pyramids: her monuments shall last when Egypt's fall.—Young.

COMMITTEES WILL ARRANGE COTTAGE PRAYER MEETINGS

Rev. C. A. Hartung, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church has appointed committees to arrange for cottage prayer meetings preparatory to the coming evangelistic campaign in January. The committees which are meeting at the parsonage this afternoon are as follows: Districts 1 and 2, Mrs. Lydia Hormell, Mrs. C. W. Albright, Mrs. Rose Wadde, Mrs. Louise Odberg; districts 3 and 4, Mrs. Jacob Lowmutter, Mrs. Fred Clerihue, Mrs. L. W. O'Neil, Mrs. Amanda Price; districts 5 and 9, Mrs. M. V. Pyle, Mrs. Baer, Mrs. Frank Welch, Mrs. S. S. Kbler; districts 6, 7, and 8, Mrs. W. D. Pollock, Mrs. F. J. John, Mrs. B. F. Wilson, Mrs. D. Wagoner, Mrs. Barnett; districts 10 and 11, Mrs. D. H. Glunt, Mrs. James Murphy, Mrs. John H. Frye, Mrs. Johnson; North Charleoi, Mrs. Kramer, Mrs. Kline, Mrs. Flenigan, Mrs. Parks, Mrs. C. E. Knoch.

ENTERTAIN OFFICERS OF BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

Members of the building committee of the First Baptist church and several Sunday school officers, with a few others, were entertained at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Wright Tuesday evening. Miss Frances Cooper, a county Sunday school worker, gave a talk and a short program of musical numbers was presented. An appetizing lunch was served.

P. & L. E. JOINS IN THE EMBARGO MOVEMENT

Having held out against great odds until now, the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad has been compelled to adopt the embargo policy of other lines and is receiving no freight from connections or shippers destined for points other than on its own rails, foodstuffs and perishable articles alone excepted. Meantime, General Agent W. W. Scully of the Northern Pacific Railway is advising Pittsburgh district shippers that his line is open for all westbound freight and that the only restrictions upon eastbound traffic is in connection with such as is embargoed by connections. Similar conditions obtain, also, on the North-western and other Western lines, but they are of no avail to local shippers because of embargoes applying on intervening lines.

SIX MONONGAHELA BOYS RETURN FROM THE BORDER

Six Monongahela boys returned from the Mexican border Christmas day with the Eighteenth regiment, National Guard. They were Adam K. Hodgson and George Pickering, of the machine gun company; Normal Hillman, Rupert Wightman, Fred Butler, of Company C, and Sergeant Harry J. Louttit, bugler of division staff, who is on a 30-day furlough and who hopes to have it extended, believing that he may not have to make the trip back to the border.

UNIONTOWN MEN DRAWN AS WITNESSES ON BANK CASE

An echo of the failure of the First National Bank of Uniontown and the subsequent indictment of its president, Josiah V. Thompson, in charges of misapplication was left in Uniontown Tuesday when subpoenas were served on 23 persons to appear in the United States District Court in Pittsburgh on January 8. The subpoenas were served by Deputy United States Marshall Thomas J. Campbell.

JOHNSTOWN TO GET NEW CAMBRIA CAR WHEEL PLANT

Semi-official announcement was made Tuesday at Johnstown, Pa., that the Cambria Steel Company will build a car wheel plant in Johnstown involving an expenditure of \$2,000,000 or more. Difficulty in buying sufficient wheels to supply its own car plant brought the project into consideration months ago and much discussion has resulted, with one intimation that the plant might go to Coatesville, Pa. It is understood the projected addition to the big steel works at Johnstown will mean the employment of 500 or 3,000 men.

Notice to Auto Dealers.

Bids will be received by the County Controller of Washington County until 10:00 A. M. Friday, December 29th, 1916, to be opened in the office of the County Commissioner immediately thereafter, for the delivery of a 3 1-2 ton G. M. C. truck, chassis and working parts to be similar to those of the 5 ton truck now in use by the County. Delivery is to be made April 1, 1917. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

T. J. Underwood, County Controller.

START FILLING JURY WHEEL FOR YEAR 1917

Judge J. A. Melvaine assisted Jury Commissioners J. Warren Vankirk and James A. McLoney, in filling the jury wheel for 1917, which was started Tuesday. F. M. Caron is the jury commissioners' clerk and is assisting in the work. All names remaining in the wheel from this year were taken out and destroyed. Persons who have been informed that their name is in the wheel, do not understand often why it has not come out. The reason is that there are many more names in the wheel than are drawn, and when they do not come out during the year they are destroyed before the new names are put in. There will be close to 1,000 names put in. Each borough and township of the county is entitled to so many names, according to the registered vote. It had been expected this year to increase the number from each district, but that will not be done this time. Jury Commissioners Vankirk and McLoney have one more year to serve, before their term is complete. Both will be candidates for the office again next year.

FORMER DONORA TEACHER ATTORNEY IN CLEVELAND

Marcellus DeVaughn, of Washington street, attorney at law, of Cleveland, Ohio, who is visiting his parents ever Christmas, was recently appointed assistant district attorney of that city by District Attorney-elect Samuel Doerflinger and will assume the duties of his office on January 1. Attorney DeVaughn's rise at Cleveland has been rapid. Less than two years ago, in 1915, he graduated from the Western Reserve university and took up the practice of law with the firm of Batholomew, Leeper & White. His appointment of assistant district attorney is a distinct honor. Attorney DeVaughn graduated from Washington and Jefferson college in the class of 1907. For five years he was located at Donora, in educational work, being principal of the high school for four years. He relinquished his position there to take up the study of law.

MONONGAHELA TO ESTABLISH SCHOOL FOR FOREIGNERS

Monongahela is preparing to establish a class for foreign men soon after the holidays. They will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 and three male teachers will instruct them. The classes will be divided into 40 minute periods of three sections. English, reading, writing, arithmetic and civil government leading to naturalization will be taught. Each student will pay \$3 for the 16 weeks' schooling, and the board of education will supply the books. The board has been assured that 50 students will enroll on the opening.

No Fight Apparent

Constable George Stabilein was summoned to Eldora Tuesday evening by rumor of a fight among gypsies. Police from Monongahela were called also, it is said. The trip was a needless one, and no evidences of a battle were apparent.

Show cases and fixtures for sale at Laird's 162-t2

CLASSIFIED

LOST—Two \$50 bills; one \$20 bill and three \$1 bills in union card case on Lock hill. Twenty per cent reward if money is returned to Otto Pollatti, P. O. Box 118, Lock No. 4. 158-t6.

FOR SALE—Four roomed house, Oakland avenue. Inquire George W. Turner, Mail Building. 161-t3-p.

FOR SALE—1916 Dodge Touring car in good condition. \$550. Inquire Peoples Realty Co. 145-eod.

WANTED—Stenographer for Real Estate office. State experience and weekly salary expected. Address L. M. Mail office. 163-t4.

WANTED—20 laborers, 9 hours at \$2.75 at Iowa School building, Monessen, Pa. 163-t3-p.

WANTED—Colored girl for general housework. 534 Washington avenue. 163-tf.

BELL-ANS

Absolutely Removes Indigestion. One package proves it. 25cat all druggists.

YOUNG GIRLS

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the man, clean shaven and fairly well dressed, accosted them with an offer to give Ella 35 cents if she would accompany him to a place where he said he had a basket filled with "baby dolls" for her. Bessie is said, advised her sister not to go with the man but the child did not heed Bessie's admonition.

After the fellow and the little girl had gone about 300 yards, it is stated, the man grabbed the child and dragged her into the woods nearby where it is alleged he succeeded in carrying out his foul purpose.

It was some time, it is stated before the victim of the alleged fiend recovered sufficiently to start in the direction of her home. Then she was in such a weakened condition that she was barely able to drag herself along, falling every few steps. It was two hours before the child reached her home. Bessie, who, after her sister started off with the man, had run home, told her mother what had transpired, but Mrs. Tissue did not become alarmed until Ella appeared and told her story. Mrs. Tissue then immediately summoned Mr. Tissue, who was at Republic, and the latter notified the authorities. A physician was summoned.

The officers set to work on the case without delay but thus far have been unable to locate a man answering the description of the alleged fiend. The man, according to the description given by the Tissue children appeared to be between 18 and 20 years old, five feet and nine inches tall, blue eyes, clean shaven and wore a black slouch hat with a light grey band, a blue serge suit and tan shoes.

PERSONALS

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fitzmorris of North Charleoi, a son, Alexander Chalfant of Brownsville was in Charleoi Tuesday evening to visit with his sister, Mrs. M. T. Crowley of McKean avenue.

Mrs. Josephine Hotts and son and grandson Hurman and Mrs. and Mrs. Saunders of Duquesne visited with Mrs. Hotts on McKean avenue.

Wesley Corey and Frank Livingstone were Pittsburgh visitors Sunday.

Miss Carrie Ticeinotti who has been ill several weeks is improving rapidly from her illness.

Mrs. William Carey and Helen and Vint Corey have returned to New Brighton after spending the week end with Mrs. William Carey.

Mrs. Jennie Clower and sons Howard and Edward of New Brighton visited with Mrs. William Carey.

John Fisher of Monongahela visited with his aunt, Mrs. G. W. Corey Tuesday.

OIL STRIKES EXCITE

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preparations for drilling as rapidly as desired, there being a dearth of workmen.

The Carnegie Gas company, owner of the George Isiminger well which continues to flow from 35 to 50 barrels an hour has hurried a gang of workmen to the field to commence laying a pipe line to connect with the big main which passes through this county to Pittsburgh.

George Isiminger, who will probably be made independently wealthy by the gusher and another good producer on his farm, was so overcome when the strike was made that he fainted away. So great was his excitement that it was hours before he could be convinced of the good fortune that had befallen him.

MOTION AND RULE COURT BRINGS FORTH ONE DELAY

The court at Washington went on the bench at 10 o'clock Tuesday for motion and rule court, which is usually held on Monday. There was no court Monday, Christmas Day. Only four attorneys appeared in motion and rule court, and only two of these presented papers. Court was adjourned shortly after 10 o'clock until Monday next. Just after court was adjourned an attorney appeared with a paper for presentation. Judge Melvaine remarked that he supposed that would be the way at the day of judgment—that some one would get in just too late. However, the court was considerate and permitted the attorney to present the petition. There were no pleas of guilty entered.

LATE OIL STRIKES MADE IN THE CLAYVILLE FIELD

Two oil strikes were made in the Pleasant Grove field in East Finley township Tuesday which added to the interest that has surrounded activities in the district.

J. W. Leonard & Co., of Washington, secured probably a 20-barrel producer at the No. 2 well on the Calvin McCleary farm, the pay streak being entered Tuesday. The fluid was found in the Gordon sand and the hole filled up 220 feet in about an hour, indicating an excellent producer for this district.

The second well drilled is on the property of the Manufacturers Light and Heat company and is located just across the line fence between the McCleary and the Warren Smith farms. It is conservatively estimated that it will produce 25 barrels a day. Only one bit had been sunk into the Gordon sand at this hole Monday night.

The well on the D. F. Ryan farm, the property of the Howard Oil and Gas company continues to make about 65 barrels a day.

The Natural Gas company of West Virginia which is drilling a well in the Dague oil field where a real gusher was struck about 19 years ago, is about ready to enter the fourth sand at its No. 3 well on the Dague farm. If any strike is made it will probably be in the fourth sand.

Notice to Stockholders

Charleoi, Pa., December 26, 1916. Election—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Charleoi Savings & Trust company will be held at the office of the Company, corner of Fifth street and Fallowfield avenue, Charleoi, Pa., between the hours of 10 a. m. and 12 m., Tuesday January 9th, 1917, for the election of directors to serve for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting.

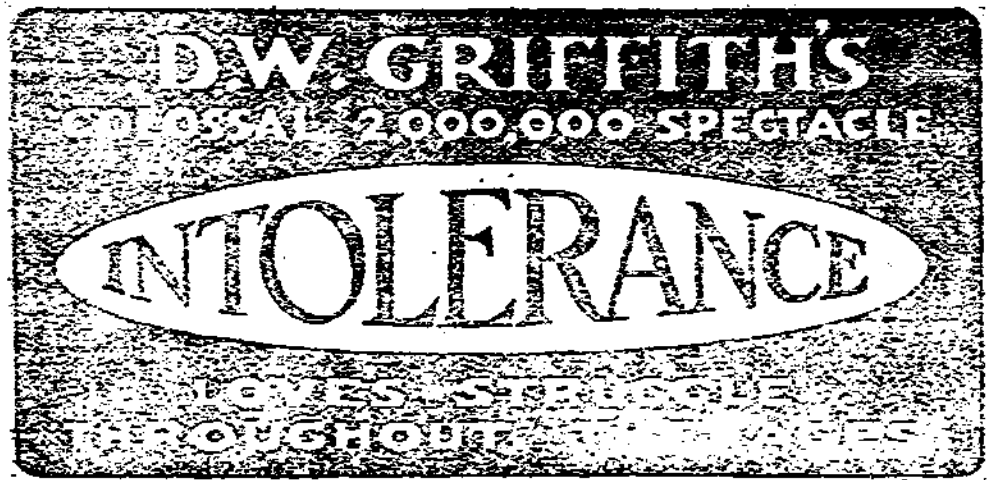
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Mail Orders accompanied by remittances will receive careful attention

DID YOU HAVE ENOUGH MONEY LAST CHRISTMAS

WERE YOU ABLE to do all the little things you would like to have done? Were all your family, friends and associates remembered at the Holiday Season just as you would have wished? Would not a little extra money come mighty handy?

Start now to save for next Christmas by joining OUR CHRISTMAS SAVINGS CLUB

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BONUS

As an incentive for you to join our Club we offer a bonus of \$1.25, which is equal to your first weekly deposit. This amount will be credited to your account when you become a member of The Prosperity Club.

INTEREST

In addition to the Bonus which we give you, we will pay you interest on your deposits.

JOIN AT ONCE

You can join The Prosperity Club at any time, but the earlier you join, the sooner you will receive its benefits.

Rules of

The Prosperity Club

1. Upon your opening an account in our Prosperity Club we will credit you with a Bonus of \$1.25, which is equal to the amount of your first deposit.
2. We will pay you interest for the entire time, and on the full amount you have deposited at the maturity of The Prosperity Club Period, which is one hundred weeks. Interest will be compounded and added to your deposits.
3. Upon completion of all your deposits in The Prosperity Club we will pay you all the money you have deposited, the bonus credited to you at the time you opened the account and all the interest earned at the end of the Club period.
4. Deposits may be made on any day of each week, and several advance deposits may be made at one time.
5. Anyone may open as many accounts as they wish in our Prosperity Club department, each account being considered a separate transaction.
6. The terms contained on the signature card, which is signed by the new member, are also a part of the rules of The Prosperity Club.

The First National Bank
Charleroi, Pa.

Safe Deposit Boxes, \$2 and upwards per annum.
Christmas Savings' Club Now Open.

FAME IN A FEW WORDS.

Authors Who Are Now Known Only by a Single Work or Passage.

Philip James Bailey wrote "Festus" when he was twenty-three and lived to be eighty-six without adding appreciably to his early labors. His "Festus" was compared by enthusiastic admirers to the works of Shakespeare and Goethe. No one reads "Festus" now, but its memory survives in one familiar quotation, but it serves. True, it is not the writer himself that is remembered, but as long as some spark from his brain still glimmers he is not totally dead. It may be a line from a song. "Meet me by moonlight alone" and "Don't you remember sweet Alice, Ben Bolt?" are repeated as catchwords by thousands who never heard of J. Augustus Wade or Thomas Dunn English. Very often, however, the lines that survive are of high literary value. Theodore O'Hara, soldier of fortune, wrote:

On fame's eternal camping ground
Their silent tents are spread,
And glory guards with solemn round
The bivouac of the dead.

By these four lines he won for himself admission to the eternal camping ground of poetry. William Knox, a Scotch versifier (1780-1820), owes his fragmentary survival not so much to any great poetic merit in his mortuary couplets as to the indorsement of Abraham Lincoln, who loved to repeat:
Oh, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?
Like a fast-fitting meteor, a fast-flying cloud,
A flash of the lightning, a break of the wave,
He passes from life to rest in the grave.
—Philadelphia Ledger.

SAVAGE DISCIPLINE.

The Way Uncivilized Indian Boys Were Punished in Former Days.

My grandmother had twelve children, and one uncle undertook to teach me the art of worship. He used to lead me to the sandbanks of the Missouri river, where he would set fire to a pile of driftwood, and then, taking me by the hand, sing sacred songs to the fire and river. In the meantime he threw into them offerings of tobacco, red feathers, and sometimes oak twigs. I never knew the meaning of these offerings, but I always felt that some living thing actuated both the fire and the river.

Another uncle came to visit us periodically, and every time he came my brother or I suffered at his hands. Sometimes he would rush to the spring, carrying me horizontally under his arm and would plunge my head into the water until I almost suffocated.

His common form of discipline was to let me hang by my hands on the cross poles of the wigwam until my arms ached. My body writhed before I dropped. This uncle seemed to like best to command my older brother to tie my hands and feet with a rope. Then he would order me to resist an ordeal that would make us both cry. In the winter he would also sometimes roll us in snow naked.

The punishment of Indian children is usually in the hands of some uncle rather than the parents. Our punishments were inflicted generally because we had disobeyed grandmother by failing to get wood at evening, had resisted fasting, had fought some Indian boys or had cried without sufficient cause.—Southern Workmen.

Quinine Not a Preventive.

Dr. E. Halford Ross in a letter to the London Lancet ridicules the attempt to prevent malaria by administering quinine. This cures malaria, but does not prevent it, just as diphtheria is cured with antitoxin, but not prevented. He cites the utter failure of five years of quinine administration to prevent malaria in Egypt and of the marked reduction in the disease that immediately followed the enforcement of anti-mosquito measures.

Public Streets.

Under the Roman-Dutch civil law the title to a public street was in the sovereign, and this rule obtained in New Netherlands until the country now comprising New York city was taken over by the English in 1664.

The English common law, on the other hand, left the title to a public street in the owner of the adjacent land, with only "the right of passage for the king and his people."—New York Times.

On the Fly.

"So you want to know where flies come from, Tommy? Well, the cyclone makes the housefly, the blacksmith makes the firefly, the carpenter makes the sawfly, the driver makes the horsefly, the grocer makes the sandfly, and the boarder makes the butterfly."—Chicago Herald.

For Greasy Woodwork.

Paint or woodwork that has become greasy should be cleaned with a cloth dipped in turpentine. Then wipe with a cloth dipped in water to which a little kerosene has been added.—New York American.

A man does not represent a fraction, but a whole number; he is complete in himself.—Schopenhauer.

STAGECOACH DAYS

Travel Often Spelled Misery Before We Had Railways.

TALE OF A WINTER JOURNEY.

Discomforts and Hardships That Had to Be Endured by the Passengers in an Old Style Trip Across the Allegheny Mountains in 1846.

How traveling is metamorphosed these days, to be sure! Yet some men "fond of handling the ribbons" and some women who "want to see the scenery at their leisure" still regret "the spanking lays and rocking stage-coach of the past."

Here is the way the Allegheny mountains were crossed in 1846:

"It was midwinter when we arrived at Wheeling, and as the stagecoach was to start at 5 o'clock in the morning no one thought of going to bed, so we took our way through the frozen streets to secure through tickets to Philadelphia. It was pitch dark and bitter cold—the damp, penetrating weather that reaches the very marrow of our bones.

"The little den, called by courtesy the office, was filled with passengers as damp, cold and ill-natured as ourselves. There was a handful of coal burning in a small grate, and around it were grouped the round-shouldered, unsympathetic people who were to be our fellow passengers. They glanced at us and closed up all the open space near the fire, as if to say: 'You don't get in here, we can tell you. You have no right to travel in our coach, any way!'"

"At one side stood a table, and on it was a coffee pot and cups, some sausages frozen stiff and an unattractive loaf of bread, over which presided a tall darky, who leaned against the wall fast asleep. We were told that we could get a good breakfast twenty miles away from Wheeling.

"At the appointed time the heavy old coach came up, and we all clambered in and stowed ourselves away pell-mell. A short way from town there was a long hill, up which the horses toiled, so this gave us all time to settle down for a quiet nap. One snore after another announced their success; in a few minutes six out of the nine passengers were oblivious of their misery.

"Not being sleepy, I studied the snorers. A large fat-man opposite me had a short, angry snore. He snored so loudly that he woke himself up and glared about him impudently, as though he hoped they wouldn't make that noise again!

"The old lady who was crushing me up in the corner snored deeply and contentedly.

"Some one off in a dark corner had a genial way of joining in as though he snored merely to oblige the passengers; but the grand musician of the company sat opposite me. I never heard anything approaching him either for quality or compass. It was a back action snore that began in a bold agitated movement, suddenly brought up with a jerk and ended with a whistle.

"The whole band was in full play when we stopped with a tremendous jerk, and everybody woke up with oaths or 'Pshaw!' over a bad jolt. The summit gained, there was a sharp crack of the whip, the horses started, and everybody was jerked violently backward. Soon the chorus began again, however, and I joined in till the coach came to a full stop at the table where the horses were to be changed.

"Stiff and sleepy and cramped from sitting so long in one position, the sun now rose and came in at all sorts of places, waking and blinding everybody. What a discontented lot we were! And we all hated each other! "At last breakfast—ah, hot coffee, ham and eggs and buckwheat cakes! The meal was not half over before we were a band of brothers. We could not do enough for each other. All was harmony and peace."

Nor was that all, for they drove into a severe mountain storm and intense cold, darkness; the horses fell on the icy roads; the stage rocked wildly in the wind and nearly blew over. Twenty-four hours of this, a driver frozen stiff and assisted down from the box. We do it now in six hours in a comfortable bed, in a warm, well-lighted car. Some "modern imps" are mighty good angels.

Our chief loss has been the great cheerful, roaring open fires that people had in those days. The domestic virtues began to decay when people were reduced to sitting around a hole in the wall or a gloomy metal register, without armchairs, stories, songs, grandparents and little children roasting apples or popping corn—friends and strangers dropping in and getting a warm welcome, a place in the circle and what Spaniards call "the love of the fire."—Baltimore News.

Quite a Change.

Twenty-five years ago a young husband's wife went away for a two days' visit. When she returned he met her at the depot and embraced her and kissed her. The other day she returned from a two weeks' visit. He met her and said, while he took a chew of tobacco, "Well, did you have a good time?"—Kansas City Star.

Never let your mirth, jubilation or pleasures dull your sympathy for the sorrow, suffering, sickness or indigence of other people.

THIS WORLD CROWDED?

Why, Lake Champlain, Frozen, Would Easily Hold All Its People.

There are on this globe about 1,500,000,000 inhabitants. Most of us, who lack the sense of proportion, at the mention of this big number are apt to speak of the "overpopulation" of the world. Yet if we spare a few moments' thought we shall better know what this represents. There is in my study room a geographic globe about fifteen inches in diameter. On that sphere there is marked a little spot about the size of the point of a pencil—or any rate, so small as to make it impossible to write the initials of its name—Lake Champlain—upon it.

Yet whenever Lake Champlain freezes over there is good standing room for every one of all the inhabitants of the earth, and then this lake would be considerably less crowded than some of the busy streets of New York. Indeed, strange as it may sound, every one, young and old, would find about one square yard to stand upon. Nay, more, if the very young and the very old would please to stand aside on the shores of the lake the remainder of the total inhabitants of the world could arrange a skating party where there would be less crowding than is seen on a busy winter day on that skating pond in New York's Central park.

Sketching the picture is like visualizing the great tragedy of the human race—the few people of this earth do not begin to realize their immense opportunities and their unused resources; meanwhile they have the insane feeling that the world is "overpopulated." All our science, our religion, our art have not given us common sense enough to learn how to use them to live comfortably and happily—we, this mere handful of inhabitants on this immense world of ours. Nor does it look as if we were going to get to our senses before many generations to come as long as we keep on muddling and blundering, as long as greed and vanity, lust for power, the main inheritance of the aims and thoughts of the past, together with some of our time honored traditions, keep us in the cold, relentless grip of bygone ages.—From "Renewing the Earth From the Air," by L. H. Baekeland, in Scribner's.

SENSE OF DIRECTION.

A Help in Finding Your Bearings at Night Without a Compass.

An English survivor of the South African war who was often sent on long distance night reconnaissances has worked out a system whereby any one can be right at home in the dark without compass or other instrument to aid the sense of direction. He worked out the exact movement and direction of the largest and most easily distinguished lights in the heavens so that the least scientific eye can recognize these signs by sight, and the whole dome of the heavens becomes a vast compass.

If there were fire balloons or beacons placed in the heavens north, east, south and west it would be easy for any one to go in these directions by simply following the signs. Similarly, if one wished to go, say, a hand's breadth to the right or left of the beacons one could easily do so. The largest stars in the heavens can be depended upon in the same way.

"If you put the front buttons of your coat on the north star or other direction stars," writes this authority, "your right and left breasts give you an angle of 45 degrees from the stars and your shoulders a right angle. Also, it is only a matter of a little practice to be able to measure 15 degrees of horizon with your hand, so you can get any number of degrees to the right or left of your direction stars, and after a little practice it becomes second nature to recognize the points of the compass at sight, and you acquire the same sense of direction as bushmen, Arabs and people who live far away from civilization."—Popular Science Monthly.

Fasting For Health.

Thousands of years before it was practiced as a religious rite fasting was practiced as a health measure in Egypt, India and China. Contemporary to Cleopatra was Asclepiades, a Greek physician, who strongly advocated this idea, and 1,000 years after his day Ibn Sina, philosopher and medical sage, argued the virtues of temporary abstinence on the ground that it came easier than constant moderation.

Age and Youth.

W. D. Howells said of old age at one of his Sunday afternoons: "Age is modesty than youth. I've often noticed that when I tell a mother that her daughter is the image of what she was herself at nineteen the mother is delighted, but the daughter looks startled."

Life in the Navy.

"And what do you sailors do?" asked a visitor on one of our battleships. "Well," responded the jolly tar, "we do what we please until we are told to do something else, and then we do that something else pretty darn quick."—Boston Transcript.

Busy.

"Bliggins says a man ought to attend to his own business."
"Yes. But he thinks it's his business to show everybody else how to attend to his business."—Washington Star.

How It Ended.

"Ma and pa had a terrible argument last night."
"How did it end?"
"Ma's going to get a new dress and opera cloak."—Detroit Free Press.

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